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This is clearly a safety issue. When traveling in cities other than my home base, it is almost impossible to find timely traffic and weather information. Most of the stations that offer some sort of timely traffic and weather are all-talk format stations. This means one is forced to listen to 30 minutes of often inflammatory rhetoric in order to get 30 seconds of important traffic and weather information. By programming the relevant city's xm station as I travel, I am able to avoid dangerous traffic congestion and stay aware of weather changes. I choose to pay for xm in order to avoid the repetitious claptrap members of the NAB are attempting to pass off as entertainment and information on their radio stations. I resent their efforts to infringe upon my rights as a consumer in an area that has very strong freedom of speech implications.

I strongly urge the FCC to reject NAB's petition 04-160.